



## Dear Reader

As a very small band of volunteers it has taken awhile to publish the following data. Please note that commentaries have yet to be published and the following is purely the ranking result from 1 (most popular) to 10 (least popular). The information the committee is analysing from these results will be combined with other Shire surveys to form the Master Plan. Any questions, please do not hesitate to email the committee chairman, Monique Lulan on [lebureau@bigpond.net.au](mailto:lebureau@bigpond.net.au)

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## Kurrajong Community Survey 2005

The Kurrajong community survey, distributed late 2005, was aimed at defining various concerns, needs, ideas and values of the communities of Kurrajong, East and North Kurrajong, Kurrajong Hills and Heights, Bowen Mountain, Grose Vale and Kurmond.

The responses from this Survey, together with the Hawkesbury Survey and other public input, will be analysed by the committee and from these, with due reference to the research carried out, will evolve the Goals, Policies and Actions within the Plan.

### SURVEY DISTRIBUTION

The total number of surveys distributed was 3,000 to areas as listed below. Surveys were posted to actual property locations and post office box holders in Grose Vale, Kurmond and Kurrajong. With a return factor of 415 the total percentage return was 13.8%

LOCALITIES	RESPONSES
Bowen Mountain	68
Grose Vale	14
Kurmond	18
Kurrajong	168
Kurrajong Hills	48
Kurrajong Heights	51
The Slopes	14
Other:- Comleroy Blaxland's Ridge North Richmond	20
Not specified	14

### General Comments:

401 Respondents named Suburb, 14 did not specify

**Question 1**

What are the things your household considers most **important** in fostering good relationships with Kurrajong's neighbouring communities?

**Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
<b>Supporting local businesses</b>	1
<b>Community networking &amp; information exchange</b>	2
<b>Intra-suburb transport facilities</b>	3
<b>Better communication to residents</b>	4
<b>Shared Community Support on topical issues</b>	5
Support protection of resources	6
Expanding social activities for youth/teens	7
Supporting cultural activities	8
Expanding social activities for seniors	9
Supporting School events	10

**Question 2**

What are the things your household most **values** about living in Kurrajong? Please place numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being of most **value**

**Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
<b>The Tranquillity</b>	1
<b>Rural setting</b>	2
<b>Close to bushland</b>	3
<b>Views and vistas</b>	4
<b>Open space</b>	5
Clean environment	6
Safe place to live	7
Friendly people	8
Environmental protection	9
Current skylines	10

### Question 3

What are the things that your household is most **concerned** about on a day-to-day basis in Kurrajong Village? Please place numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being of most **concern**

#### Ranked Responses:

	Ranking
Lack of parking	1
Protecting heritage	2
Protecting environment	3
Public transport	4
Pedestrian safety	5
No sewer	6
Excessive traffic speed	7
No development controls in place	8
Traffic congestion	9
Low policing presence	10

### Question 4

What are the most **important** things that you believe could be implemented to address traffic congestion, speed control and improve parking facilities in Kurrajong Village? Please place numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being of most **importance**

#### Ranked Responses:

	Ranking
Paved crossing platforms	1
Move bus-stop from Dr's surgery up towards Timms Hill Road	2
Limited tonnage vehicle access through village	3
Print speed zones on road	4
Increased parking	5
Roundabout/s	6
Speed humps	7
2-hr parking restrictions	8
A 'no parking' Goods Delivery zone for IGA, 1day/wk	9
Introduce one-way street route through village with angled parking	10

### Question 5

What are the most **important** things that you believe could be implemented to improve pedestrian & visitor safety and comfort? Please place numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being of most **importance**

#### **Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
<b>Increased seating</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Pedestrian crossing/s</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Better toilet facilities</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Shaded rest areas</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Paved wombat crossings (crossing platforms)</b>	<b>5</b>
Ramp access for wheelchairs, strollers etc	6
Increased lighting	7
Increased police patrols	8
Police call box	9
Neighbourhood Watch program	10

### Question 6

Identify 10 ways in which you believe Kurrajong Village could further improve its image for both residents and tourists. Please place the numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being most **preferred**.

#### **Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
<b>Improve streetscape décor</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Improved signage for visitors, Sitemaps &amp; noticeboards</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Increase parking facilities</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Incorporate paved footpaths throughout village</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Historical landmark identification</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Shaded rest areas</b>	<b>5</b>
BBQ/picnic facilities	7
Improved restroom facilities	8
Develop Railway Museum	9
Display Rusty Richard	10

**Question 7**

List the most **important** issues that you consider need to be addressed to improve your quality of life and recreational leisure activities. Please place the numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being of most **importance**.

**Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
Better public toilet facilities	1
Transport services for aged/disabled	2
Recreational facilities for teenagers/youth	3
Recreational facilities for the elderly	4
Uncontrolled dogs	5
Vehicular and traffic noises	6
Ramps in lieu of kerb/ step	7
Dog leashing and dog hygiene	8
Recreational facilities for pre-schoolers	9
BMX and Skateboard Park	10

**Question 8**

List the things you consider to be most **important** for the economy in Kurrajong Village and suburb. Please place the numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being of most **importance**.

**Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
Protect style of buildings	1
Slow commercial growth	2
Increase tourism	3
Tourist Railway	4
BBQ/Picnic tables in park	5
Weekend market stalls	6
Concerts in Park	7
Improved Parking	8
No commercial growth	9
More gift/décor shops	10

**Question 9**

Nominate the retail outlets or services you believe are **needed** in the **Village or suburb**. Please place the numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being most **needed**.

**Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
Delicatessen	1
Bank	2
Fruit / Veg	3
Library branch	4
Specialist Bakery	5
Good quality wine bar	6
Dentist	7
Theatre	8
Crafts & gifts	9
Cinema	10

**Question 10a**

What are the qualities/standards which you believe **need** to be observed as the Kurrajong Village commercial precinct develops. Please place the numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being most **needed**

**Ranked Responses:**

	Ranking
Heritage protection	1
Preservation of historic buildings	2
Provision for trees in main street décor	3
Single storey shops only	4
Building styles compatible with character of village	5
Environment protection	6
Protection of skyline	7
No shop-top residences	8
Colours compatible with character of village	9
Preservation of historic artefacts	10

**Question 10b**

List the things that **concern** you regarding the village infrastructure. Please place the numbers 1 to 10 in the boxes with 1 being of most **concern**

**Ranked Responses:**

	<b>Ranking</b>
<b>Lack of parking</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>No building development controls in place</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Lack of seating</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Street décor</b>	<b>4</b>
Pedestrian safety	5
Excessive traffic speed	6
Town sewerage	7
Traffic congestion	8
Road safety at school drop-off/pick-up point	9
Lack of information for visitors	10

**Question 11**

What, if any, are your concerns about future land uses, both public and private?

**Ranking still being completed - so far, “no overdevelopment” seems to be topping the list. Watch for update.**

**Question 12**

Would you be interested in a “Family Tree” program where families buy a tree and plaque and a “Dig-in” event is organised in designated areas as defined by Council?

**Ranked Responses:**

	<b>No. Responses</b>
<b>YES</b>	<b>159</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>MAYBE</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Noncommittal</b>	<b>8</b>

**Total number of responses: 259.**

General comments other than Yes, No, Maybe were not recorded. The selection of tree species would be taken from a list of street tree species approved by Council’s insurance company.

**Question 13**

The current "Kurrajong" Signage includes a generic shire slogan, viz: "Where People Make The Difference". If you would like to see this slogan personalised for Kurrajong and the village, we welcome your response below: Please place the numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes with 1 being most **preferred**

**Ranked Responses:**

<b>Welcome to Kurrajong.....</b>	<b>Ranking</b>
...Gateway to the Hawkesbury Highlands	<b>1</b>
...Where people make the difference	<b>2</b>
... Enjoy our views and vistas	<b>3</b>
...Simply irresistible	<b>4</b>
...Where friends gather	<b>5</b>
...Where families matter	<b>6</b>

**Question 14**

The public car park between the Post Office and CWA Hall must be named, to enable legal identity of its location. Some ideas are offered below, and we invite you to either select one of these or submit your own suggestion. Please place the numbers 1 to 5 in the boxes with 1 being most **preferred**.

**Ranked Responses:**

	<b>Ranking</b>
Post Office Car Park	<b>1</b>
Bells Car Park	<b>2</b>
Forbes Car Park (with history note)	<b>3</b>
Ambar Car Park	<b>4</b>
Village Car Park	<b>5</b>
Midway Car Park	<b>6</b>
Lenords Car Park	<b>7</b>
CWA Car Park	<b>8</b>

## **Question 15**

### **Significant Tree Register**

As part of the Hawkesbury Vegetation Policy, Council is preparing a Register to itemise all trees of significance across the Hawkesbury, in order to record identity and location to better protect them. This policy was initiated following the removal of the liquidambar in Kurrajong Village without due notice of intent or consultation with the community.

Respondents were asked if they would list in this survey any tree, on their property or in the neighbourhood that they consider to be a heritage tree and of significance to the area. Their contributions totalled : 53 items or areas. This information will not be published as it identifies individual's addresses, however it will be passed to the Kurrajong Tree and Environment Committee who are working with Council staff on this project.

### **General Comments**

These are not listed here but will be published separately with other commentary from the survey, once edited.

The above rankings and further analyses will be added to the next revision of the draft Master Plan.

Thanking you for your support

The Kurrajong Master Plan Committee

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